

## What People are Saying About MCC

*"...foreign assistance is another vital component of our efforts to address the conditions that terrorists exploit for recruitment and for ideological purposes. So USG assistance programs that have some effect in ameliorating those conditions include, of course, our various USAID programs, the Middle East Partnership Initiative, and the work of the Millennium Challenge Corporation. Those programs...increase access to education, especially for women, and improved health care, and they also, of course, further democratic and economic reform."*

Acting Coordinator for Counterterrorism  
Ronald Schlicher  
April 30, 2009

*"The president's budget request shows his administration's interest in strengthening the U.S. response to global hunger and poverty by continuing to support...effective programs...such as the AIDS and malaria initiatives and the Millennium Challenge Account."*

Bread for the World President David Beckmann  
The Huffington Post: The President's 2010  
Budget: A Transition to New Priorities  
May 13, 2009

Deputy Secretary of State James B. Steinberg  
Council of the Americas's 39th Washington  
Conference on the Americas  
May 13, 2009

*"The Millennium Challenge Corporation is really an idea that is so exciting and interesting and it's a noble idea...it's really a program I wish had started a long time ago...it's innovative; it's creative; it puts the ball in the court of the countries themselves—they own it—and it's sustainable."*

Zambia's Ambassador to the United States  
Dr. Inonge Mbikusita-Lewanika  
PBS: Foreign Exchange  
May 5, 2009

*"The Millennium Challenge Corporation is a functioning example of foreign assistance done in a smart and successful way."*

Ian McGroarty  
ONE blog  
May 7, 2009

*"The Millennium Challenge Account, the Millennium Challenge Corporation, remains a central part of our engagement. It in many ways reflects the kinds of values and principles that I was talking about in the speech, which is a strong sense that strong performers, countries that make a commitment to democracy and good institutions, should be rewarded and that that should be an important consideration in how we partner and provide support. And that's, I think, an innovation which we intend to continue. There's strong support in the Congress for that in the budget, and so I see this very much as a part of our engagement going forward."*

*"Development assistance through the federal government's Millennium Challenge Corporation takes a holistic approach to global health, laying the groundwork for poverty reduction and economic development...By deepening support for effective development assistance, like MCC grants, Congress stands in solidarity with the world's poor and invests in their health and productivity."*

William H. Frist  
The Charlotte Observer: To address global poverty,  
first fight for global health  
May 14, 2009

*"...The Millennium Challenge Corporation... includes internet censorship in its criteria for democracy that therefore you have to hit that criteria in order to receive aid. We are hopeful that that kind of attitude will spread and that people from Treasury to State...will adopt more of this attitude and then take it abroad."*

GOOGLE Communications Director  
Robert Boorstin  
May 17, 2009

*"I realize that the MCC was created to be unlike any other entity or account in the U.S. foreign assistance budget. Primarily, the MCC was designed to be implemented in a way that elevates good governance as a prerequisite to funding. I especially appreciate the MCC's focus on accountability and country-generated solutions."*

Rep. Kay Granger (R-Texas)  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on  
State and Foreign Operations Hearing  
May 20, 2009

*"...I'm delighted to see this administration asking for \$1.425 billion, a significant increase over the '09 appropriated level, and simply want... to let you know that at least on this subcommittee this Senator is very much committed to the approach of the Millennium Challenge Corporation. Too much foreign aid has been to build monuments that have an American flag on them... Having it done in a way that... produces results over the long term, rather than just something nice to look at, is, I think, the core of what the Millennium Challenge Corporation was formed for."*

Senator Bob Bennett  
During Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton's  
testimony before the Senate Appropriations  
Subcommittee  
May 20, 2009

*"I also just want to echo your support for two initiatives from the Bush administration, both the Millennium Challenge grant program and PEPFAR. And we are, you know, very supportive of these approaches. We think that we can actually make them even better, and better integrate what they're doing and the lessons we've learned from them"*

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton  
During testimony before the Senate Appropriations  
Subcommittee  
May 20, 2009

*"The Millennium Challenge Corporation, the MCA Program...is a very important program, it should be kept, it should be expanded... one of the beauties of the MCC Program, and one of the beauties of the Marshall Plan that wasn't emphasized is basically saying to the developing countries, you give us your priorities... we should be listening to the countries and finding out from them what will do the most good rather than sort of imposing our own notions."*

Ambassador Stuart E. Eizenstat  
Brookings Institution event: Development  
and Diplomacy in the 21st Century: A  
Conversation with Senator John Kerry  
May 21, 2009

*"Some of the work we're doing at the German Marshall Fund attempts to look at the MCC-like models, a basket of global indicators by which we measure country progress that can take into account development as reflected in human capacity building, that takes into account democracy and governance, that takes into account macro-economic policy reform, that takes into account the corruption issues..."*

James Kunder  
Senior Fellow, German Marshall Fund; Former Acting Deputy  
Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development  
Brookings Institution event: Development and Diplomacy in  
the 21st Century: A Conversation with Senator John Kerry  
May 21, 2009